

REMARKS

In accordance with the foregoing, claim 28 has been amended. Claims 1-4 and 7-31 are pending, with claims 1 and 28 being independent.

Amendments to Claims and Entry of Amendment After Appeal Under 37 CFR 41.33(b)(2)

Allowable claim 28 has been rewritten in independent form as permitted by 37 CFR 41.33(b)(2). Accordingly, it is submitted that entry of this Amendment After Appeal is proper under 37 CFR 41.33(b)(2).

Allowable Subject Matter

In the Examiner's Answer of July 24, 2007, the Examiner has withdrawn the rejection of claim 28 under 35 USC 103(a) over Chow (U.S. Patent No. 5,157,240) in view of Chandler (U.S. Patent No. 2,799,764) or Isaacson et al. (Isaacson) (U.S. Patent No. 3,842,241) as applied to claims 1, 2, 4, 7, 9, 11-13, 16-18, 21-25, and 29-31, and further in view of Chen et al. (Chen) (U.S. Patent No. 6,024,799) or Murakami et al. (Murakami) (U.S. Patent No. 5,728,223), and has indicated that claim 28 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Claim 28 has been rewritten in independent form as suggested by the Examiner as permitted by 37 CFR 41.33(b)(2). Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that the objection to claim 28 be withdrawn, and that claim 28 be allowed.

Conclusion

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